hambra.





of historic memories, of the orange and the olive tree, of the Alhambra and the bull ring. Of all the countries of the old world Spain has been as little visited as any by the general run of American tourists, and yet there is none that better repays the visitor for coming. From Cadiz to Saville and to Grenada, Cordova From Cadiz to Saville and to Grenada, Cordova and Madrid—each interesting for what it is to-day, and all doubly so to one who stops to think what they have been in the past. During that period in the development of the world's civilisation that we roughly call the dark ages the universities of Cordova and Seville were the centers of learning for all of Europe. On all idea are still to be seen relice and valuable ides are still to be seen relics and valuable mementoes of the time when the Moors held spain and made it the fountain head of all civ-Spain and made it the fountain head of all civilization, a position that other nations have surped since the Moors were driven out and their mosques and palaces were "purified," another word for ruined, at the hands of their conquerors. If the Spaniards had imitated, instead of obliterated, when they resumed their sway in the peninsula, the chances are they would have made such a good start in the race of development that other nations would have followed a good way behind. History, I believe, tells us that when the Christian rations when the Christian nations of Europe were busying themselves with side issues, and their men of letters were spending all their powers in the discussion of the problem of the number of angels that could stand on the point of a needle, and other such important matters, civilization



QUEAN REGENT OF STAIN.

would have taken a had tumble if it had not been for the Moor, who kept plodding tures, making just law and good governments, promoting agriculture, scholying the general waffere of humanity and juresting the higher people, the interest of Spanin lies in this past.

MOORISH MONCHEYER.

The first result of even a rambling trip through Spain is a thorough and lasting respect for that wonderful people, a race that has left its enduring monuments wherever it has been, it as chieffed in the record of the present of carriers as well as in the records of the strength of the strength

rately furnished in Moorish style ready for the occupancy of the young baby king and the queen regent when they visit Seville. This is only on very rare occasions, however, and unless I am misinformed Alfonso XIII, "Por la G. de Dios."

THE CITY OF SEVILLE.

The Aleasar as a Royal Palace—The Infant

Bing and the People—Pretty Senoritas
and Gay Street Scenes—A Journey to Granada.

Madrid, Spain, May 21, 1892.

ETTERS OF TRAVEL
have been written so
often that they are
likely to be of little interest nowadays. In
order that they may
have some excuse for
being they must either
be written by men of
such prominence that
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few of the random experiences and observations
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the country. He would have to work the latter, while he expects the former to keep him in
ease and affluence always. A case of hereditary
blindness, like a Spanish law suit, is looked
upon as a source of support for an entire
family.

Seville is generally regarded as one of the most interesting and picturesque of all Spanish towns, and here the dark eyed, raven haired Andalusian beauties are to be seen at their best. For those who admire brunettes these are worth coming miles to see. There are lots of them, too, and as the better part of the day here is spent out of doors the streets are gay day and night with dark robed senorss and senoritas, who do not seem to look upon life as such a serious matter after all, and are ready with their inevitable fans to brush away all the cares that might try to enter beneat the cobweb of their mantillas. A hat or bonne fashion plates, and are consequently rather uninteresting. I have heard it suggested that the immense and priceless cathedrals with which Spain is dotted might have been built with what the worse aveal or their millioner.



The fan habit and the cigarette habit seem run a close race for popularity, but as every woman uses a fan and I have seen two men who do not smoke cigarettes the chances would ap-pear to be in favor of the feminine occupation. A few days ago I heard a young Englishman, who had spent most of his life in travel, asked what he thought was the most interesting thing only to the cathedral at Rome. More of Murillo's works are in the magnificent gallery here in Madrid and as an artist he gets from the people of Spain the honor that is his due. Numerous statues have been raised to his memory, but the body of the man himself is buried in the wall of the small vestibule leading into the honor in which he died The house where he died and the spot where he lies buried. The place, curiously enough, is not pointed out as a rule to visitors and is but

The general appearance of Seville is very pleasing, notwithstanding the fact that the streets are ing, notwithstanding the fact that the streets are narrow and winding, and from the Giralds, the lofty bell tower of the cathedral, the view is a charming one. The houses usually are two or three stories in height, with white plastered front and numerous little iron balconies projecting from the windows. There are no front



RAMBLES IN SPAIN.

Description of monarchies, nor migrations have been able to destroy."

NOW A BOYAL PALACE.

The Alcazar is now used as a palace for Spanish royalty, and the upper portions, which are unfortunately closed to the public, are elaborately furnished in Moorish stale.



mywhere from five to fifteen minutes at every ittle wayside station ceases to be a bore when little wayside station ceases to be a bore when he finds how much there is to see on every platform. There are vendors of all sorts crying their wares; young women with water to sell from earthern jugs that are precisely the same in shape and color with those one sees in Murillo's paintings; men with baskets of miniature peanuts. fancy cakes, that one hesitates long before trying, and, in fact, anything that the peasants of the neighborhood think may,draw a few coppers from the peasengers. Then there are the inevitable groups of the halt, the lame and the blind, who seem to flock to the stations from all the country around and to whom the coming of the reilroad must have been the greatest of blessings. Each train carries a small detachment of the civil guard, in their dark uniforms and curious hats, and all heavily armed. This custom of placing soldiers on the trains is a survival of the times when, not so very long ago, the country was infested with brigands, who occasionally made things lively for travelers. The custom is still maintained and strange tales are told of the doings of this civil guard, who appear to be everywhere. They are by far the best paid branch of the army and are looked upon as the main support of the government. Their power is practically unlimited, and when they shoot they shoot to kill, and the only reason they are required to give is that their uniform was insulted. They are the sworn defenders of the existing government. The people are clearly afraid of them, and an Englishman who has lived here for seven years told me that in his opinion it was this guard alone that kept them from rushing once more into the midat of civil war. Even as it is the country is apparently very close to republicanism. The rich are so very rich and the poor so very poor, and it doesn't need a prophet of even the second rank to see that there is trouble brewing for some-body.

But by this time the train has started along e finds how much there is to see on every plat-

But by this time the train has started along for the next station. As the low lands are left behing and the engines toil hard up the grades that lead to the foot hills of the Sierra Nevadas the scenery becomes immensely grand. The mountains are rugged and wild, yet between them lie valleys and vegas that are wonderfully fertile. It is the combination of rich plains and snowy peaks that makes the vast panorama that stretches out below the Alhambra one of the most magnificent in the world. There is literally nothing wanting to make the landscape complete, and the best view of all is from the towers of the Alhambra, that stands on the sum-mit of the mountain directly behind the town and several hundred feet above it.

THE ALHAMBRA. But what of the Albambra? Ah, that is a Type of BEAUTY IN SEVILLE.

But what of the Alhambra? Ah, that is a good thing for inexperienced writers to leave severely alone, intrusting it to the kindlier mercies of the poet and the painter. Washington Irving has written of the Alhambra, and though he wrote more than a half century ago has left nothing for others say. Sufficient that the dreaded, has been averted, and the thought was the most interesting thing he had seen in Spain. Said he: "The paintings by Murillo in the gallery at Seville." It was an unexpected answer, but very many will agree with him, for on the walls of that vault-like build
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"I had been gray and still and towers, mosques, palaces, courts and gardens is still the most delightful place in all of Spain, and one might well do as Irving did and stay on for months, lost in its marvelous beauties and the memories that hover

Visitors to the Alhambra are all expected to register their names in a big book kept for that purpose, and the first of these volumes has in it the autograph of the famous author of "Tales of the Alhambra." This the guides show on every provocation, for the American is far from being without honor in Spain. The other afternoon, while wandering through the palace I fell in with a party of intelligent and apparently well-read Englishmen. In due time the cicerone brought forth his treasure with his finger pointing to the name which is shown before that of Albert Edward of Wales. "Ivving? Irving? Who was he? An American?" looking toward me, for the guide spoke not English.

I started to tell him that Irving was the first Bresident of the United States, that he was a prominent general in the late war and was afterward king of Texas, with his capital

Tragic Ending of a Ladies' Riding Contest at a Fair.

A YOUNG GIRL'S HEROISM.



essayed any gait but a 'gallop,' yet who could lay it over any rider in this city for grace."

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Uncle paused to polish his glasses, then remarked interrogatively: "You remember Mrs. —?"

"Of course," I replied. I had made that same response to that same question at least once a day since I could talk. Mrs. — was my godmother, and to absent-minded Uncle Zarah she was a bit of womanly perfection, whose virtues he never tired of extolling. He trotted her on his knee when she was a baby, and she trotted around after him till she was father's cattle ranch near the town of Lemon, in Kansas. Her given name was Captola; her surname cannot be divulged because her people would not enjoy the notoriety given a family for many years well known in Washington. "Well, she would have shocked the senses out of the narrow-skitted, prim-visaged, tied-down lady equestriennes of this city if she had followed her inclination and ridden as she best liked to do when her husband was in Congress was in great danger if the wind veered a point or two. I heard a shout of pleasure and turned to see the judge called. "School began in Henry's district yesterday and his sister let her little daughter go with Rose Williams today,' and then she rode into the ring.

"I looked at my watch—3:30—then over to the north. The smake was ling the oir red. I could see an eating line of red. The sun was beginning to look like a yellow haze and the air was tense and heavy with the odor of burned grass. If the wind should rise—the narrow-skitted, prim-visaged, tied-down lady equestriennes of this city if she had followed her inclination and ridden as she best liked to do when her husband was in Congress.

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old fogies up in their cells for an hour; wouldn't I have a ride that is a ride? I must play propriety for a few weeks longer, though, till the "boss" gets ready to leave his resolutions and "H. B.'s," and then I mean to make him head straight for Kansas.' Be it known right now that Captola's home

was in an eastern state, but the "ranch" uncle spoke of belonged to her husband, and was only a few miles from her father's ranch in Kansas, where she, like Topsy, "just growed," for she was a motherless child.

a motheriess child.

"Did I ever tell you how Cappie won her husband?" asked Uncle Zarah.

Now, that story was actually dogeared in my memory, but uncle liked to telf it. His dear, childish old heart dwelt with such tender fondness on those early days that I never "remembered" on this process. bered" anything when he desired to enlighten me, so his reminiscential old tongue set itself wagging.
"It was an early September morning in the

late sixties. The summer rains had made veg-etation rank, and the buffalo grass was then thickly matted, brown and dry as powder. The night had been gray and still and given

"Please, Cappie, yield to me this time."
"But I want the gloves and whip."
"I'll buy you a gross of silver-mounted whips and a dozen pairs of "Jouvin's best," import them especially for the purpose, if you will give up riding at the fair."
"That would be a circumstance, wouldn't it? flashed Captols. 'I could shake them under Miss Oates' nose and say "Thore! just see what I got for letting you win the prize." No, Hal, it isn't the gloves or the whip, but a mean little ambition I want to gratify. That woman called mea hoyden, an uncultivated little heathen, and said I couldn't ride a little bit. I don't mind the hoyden and heathen. I suppose I am both, but I can ride, and mean to do it. I shall win the whip and—and then I'd like to wear it out over her patrician shoulders, she finished defiantly.
"Si, senor,' she returned gaily, as she jumped lightly to the ground, 'I sometimes answer to that name.'

"When afternoon came the fair grounds were crowded. Half a dozen young ladies in prim black and blue cloth habits, chimney-pot hats, long gauntlets and veils, which they were then, ware gathered near the judges stand and their escorts were chatting with them, waiting the order to clear the ring.

"'Where is your Lady Gay Spanker, Henry?' asked his sister as he drove up with his mother. Henry frowned slightly, but before he could answer a little buzz of comment called the attention of all as Captola rode up unattended. She wouldn't even let me ride my old cob beside her, so I was there befere her in the buggy.

She Was Not Fashionable, but She Was Noble and Brave, and She Won the Love of a Good Man and His Aristocratic Mother and Sister.

HAT REMINDS ME of an incident," said Uncle Zarah, as he laid the Saturday Star on his knee and patted it with his specs.

"That riding master may think he knows it all so far as 'grace' is concerned, though his ideas of grace differ with mine materially, but I'd like to tell him firal parts or on the plains,' who had been at home on a horse's back all her life and seldom essayed any gait but a 'gallop,' yet who could lay it over any rider in this city for grace."

Lord, but she was a besuty. Her slender black mare was as mettlesome as could be, and tossed har long mane and tail impatiently as she obeyed that little hand, with its touch of velvet and grip of steel. Cap was as slim and toused har long mane and tail impatiently as she obeyed that little hand, with its touch of velvet and grip of steel. Cap was as slim and toused har long mane and tail impatiently as she obeyed that little hand, with its touch of velvet and grip of steel. Cap was as slim and toused har long mane and tail impatiently as she obeyed that little hand, with its touch of velvet and grip of steel. Cap was as slim and toused har long mane and tail impatiently as she obeyed that little hand, with its touch of velvet and grip of steel. Cap was as slim and toused har long mane and tail impatiently as she obeyed that little hand, with its touch of velvet and grip of steel. Cap was as slim and toused har long mane and tail impatiently as she obeyed that little hand, with its touch of velvet and grip of steel. Cap was as slim and toused har long mane and tail impatiently as she obeyed that little hand, with its touch of velvet and grip of steel. Cap was as slim and toused har long mane and tail inpatiently as she obeyed that little hand, with its touch of velvet and grip of steel. Cap was as slim and toused har long mane and tail mane tail impatiently as she laid toused har long mane and tail mane tail mile long mane "Lord, but she was a beauty. Her slender

"'Uncle, don't you smell the prairie fire?' she asked uneasily. "'Yes,' I replied; 'butit's across the creek; it

'May I take her, Cappie? Nellie is over

"Cap slid down. The saddle was flung off, and cutting the mare with the silver-mounted handle of the whip Cap thrust in his hand Henry was off, followed by half a dozen mounted men.
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"Just then Cap heard a whinner, and a cold nose was thrust against her face!

"With a scream of joy she threw her arms about Bret's neck. The faithful little mustang had broken his lariat rope and followed his mistress. Catching the trailing rope Cap tied it bridle fashion in the halter, then slipping out of her velvet riding skirt and tearing off her gauntlets she said to me as she jumped on Bret: 'I know a short cut below the ford; maybe I can help,' and was off.

"I followed in the buggy.
"Cap reached the school house. The fire guards were forty feet wide and the teacher and his

were forty feet wide and the teacher and his pupils had burned the grass about the building and felt safe in the school room. The teacher said he would not let the children go till all

danger was past.

"Cap asked for Nellie Merriam.

"She cried to go home, so I permitted her to do so about 3 o'clock.'

"The teacher told me afterward that he thought he had been struck by lightning when Cap got

six-year-old child go half a mile across a prairie by herself. Why she isn't tall enough to see over the blue stem in the buffalos' wallow,' and

she dashed away.
"At the ranch only the frightened housekeeper

she finished defiantly.

"Captola!"

"Si, senor,' she returned gaily as she jumped lightly to the ground, I sometimes answer to the fire leaped up and ran over the bank toward the creek. Down over the hot embers, and feet blistering and the child in her

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NEWS FROM ROCKVILLE. Influx of Summer Residents-Preparing

the Annual Tax Levy-Notes. ndence of The Evening Star. The warm weather of the past few days has tended to bring quite an influx of strangers to various points in the county seeking quarters for the summer. At this place Third Assistan Postmaster General Hazen and family have taken rooms at the residence of Mr. Isaac R.

Maus, in west end; at the Corcoran Hotel Mr. Ed. .H. Allen and family and Mr. F. C. Allen and family of Washington. Mrs. Nettie Offut and Mrs. Laura Bland of the county have secured quarters for the season.

The sum of \$4,000 has been subscribed for the

erection of a Southern Methodist Church at Poolesville. Work on the same will soon com-Rev. Wm. Chinn, formerly of Virginia, will

be formally installed as pastor of the Presbyterian Church, this place, on Sunday next. Thos. S., son of Rev. S. R. White of this town, will be one of the graduates of Columbian Law School at the commencement exercises next Tuesday. Mr. Alex. Muncaster, a native of this place, will also graduate as master of law from the law department of Georgetown University on Monday evening next. Among the

charles P. Mullican at \$480 per year.

Rev. Samuel Rodgers, presiding elder of Baltimore district, will conduct religious services on Sunday next at Emery M. E. Church

The Baptist Church, this place, was last night the scene of a pretty marriage, the parties be-ing Mr. Chas. C. Ricketts of Derwood and Miss mony was performed by Rev. S. R. Millbourne, resident pastor, the attendants being Mr. Clarence Watkins and Miss Ida Mullican. The fair bride was handsomely attired in a steel gray Henrietta gown with hat and gloves to match, while the groom wore the conventional black.

The board of school commissioners will meet here on the 7th instant for the school commissioners.

here on the 7th instant for the purpose of con-sidering petitions for new school houses, re-pairs, &c.

day next and remain in session for the entire week for the purpose of examining accounts prior to making the annual tax levy. During the past month an finmense amount of work has been done by the clerk to the board in the way of noting transfers of real estate, recording seesment of improvements, &c.
The funeral of the late Dr. Chas. A. Harding

took place here today at St. Mary's Catholic Church, and was attended by the numerous relatives and friends of the deceased. S.A.M.

The Delegation Not Pledged-How It Will cial Dispatch to The Evening Star.

IN GEN. ALGER'S STATE.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., June 4.- The Mich igan delegates to the Minneapolis convention have no instructions, ironclad or otherwise, to check through with their other baggage, and until they get together in caucus it is uncertain how they will vote when the time comes. There are three elements in the delegation, one rampant for Gen. Alger, another pay and hasn't the slightest notion of her em-

wounded one of the human target. They left the ground at once and the negro brought the rough box cossin to the side of the wounded man, who box coffin to the side of the wounded man, who protested against the proceedings as vigorously as his strength would permit. Assisted by two other negroes, the body was put in the box and an effort made to nail the lid, but the victim pushed and kicked against it so that the task was only accomplished by two of the men sitting on the lid while the other drove the nails with the utmost nonchalence. The interment was then made, but a little unfavorable comment was excited among the many who were appraised of the horrible affair.



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MRS. NOODLES RIDES IN A HERDIC. Her First Venture in That Kind of a Con-

NOTHING WILL EVER PERSUADE me to ride in a berdie again," said young Mrs. Noodles at the last meeting of this season of the Georgetown Sewing Circle.

There chanced to be a pause in the general cried, "Why not, pray?"

"Simply because of a horrifying experience that I had in one the other day," she replied, as she began to rip a wrong seam in a garment she was preparing for some infant and elec-

mosynary African. "Do tell us about it!" exclaimed the others in

with, that, until I came to Washington, I had 'fur' on both sides. never seen a herdic nor ridden in a vehicle of | "The most expensive down, utilized for mak that description. My first attempt to use one | ing quilts and pillows, is obtained from the was made last Tuesday afternoon, starting eider duck. In Norway and Iceland the busifrom the Capitol for the Department of State, where my bushand is employed in the diploing industry. The pursuit is very remuneramatic furnishing division, which supplies neck- tive, and it is governed by special legislation reties and fancy underwear in court patterns for specting the collecting of the crop on islands of United States legations abroad. I went to get the sea and along the margins of estuaries. aboard the conveyance, which, a moment be- These birds are found throughout the waters of speakers at the commencement exercises of fore I reached it, suddenly started up. I gave the Arctic ocean, and they resort in great numbinstant will be Mr. Howard G. England of this caught it but it was off with a jump. Zemble Spittherson Lapland Greenland.

parasol for his impertinence, but I took the seat he offered instead, bowing slightly in recognition of the civility. Trying to seem as little embarrassed as I could I extracted a 25-cent piece from my portemonnaic and passed it along by the hands of other passengers to the front of the stage, where, after a fat baby had seized it, as pallid man with dyed whiskers poked it through a slot marked 'change' and an envelope was returned to me. Supposing that this concluded the transaction I put the envelope in my reticule and proceeded to think of other things. A young and pretty woman got in a square further on and sat down beside me, but at the time I took no particular notice of her or of what she did.

"Presently I heard the jingling of a bell up in front, but I paid no attention to that. Then there was more of it, and the offensive person who had given me his seat spoke to me, asking me if I had paid my fare. I replied coldly in the affirmative. It was the driver who rang the bell, and two or three minutes later he began jingling it again, knocking violently also on the pane of glass behind him. I thought he looked for export, the hest being squawk pittfully in chorus.

"The nest building is done in May and lasts about seven weeks. From four to six eggs are laid, the nest being with down plucked by the mother duck from her own breast. Those who pursue the business described remove the eggs and down, whereupon further supplies of the latter are furnished by the maternal bird, which lays a second 'clutch' of eggs. These are removed, together with the down, as before and a like robbery is committed a third time. After draw for the stage, where, after a fat baby had seized it, the nest building is done in May and lasts about seven weeks. From four to six eggs are laid, the nest building is done in May and lasts about seven weeks. From four to six eggs are laid, the nest building is done in May and lasts about seven weeks. From four to six eggs are laid, the nest building is done in May and lasts about seven weeks.

the affirmative. It was the driver who rang the bell, and two or three minutes later he began lingling it again, knocking violently also on the pane of glass behind him. I thought he looked angry, and it seemed evident that the young woman next me was the delinquent. Curiously enough, she looked entirely composed, paying no attention to the disturbance, and it flashed across me that she must be deaf. 'Isn't it too bad!' I said to myself. 'She has forgotten to bad!' I said to my

His Precious Burden.

From the Sioux City Tribune. The wind was blowing a gale; the muddy expanse of water was heaving like an angry sea. Spectators on the elevated braced themselves against the breeze and offered up silent prayers for the heroic men risking their lives in the

thousand eyes were focused on a struggling figure in the flood. The water was up to his waist. Cedar blocks danced round him like corks and huge piles of drift passed dangerously near him as he struggled in the current. He was a strong man, but he was weighted down with two precious burdens. The wind whirled away his hat and blew his thick black hair about his eyes in sheer deviltry. It blinded him and he dipped his head in the flood to

away his hat and blew his thick black hair about his eyes in sheer deviltry. It blinded him and he dipped his head in the flood to weigh it down. He staggered on, holding all that was dear to him safe and dry above the whirling deluge.

His strength is failing now. His grasp seems ready to loosen. A thousand hearts stop beating as he disappears for a moment, falling from weakness. He rises, holding aloft what he risked his life to save from the waves. Strong arm and brave heart!

Strong arm and brave heart!
A boat shoots around a corner. The boatmen see him. He is saved.
In one hand he grasped an empty value; in the other a copper-bottomed kettle.

of the Quille. "DID YOU EVER SEE CLOTH THAT was made out of feathers?" said an upholsterer to a writer for THE STAR. "Very beautiful fabrics are composed of such ma-

FUNNY PACTS ABOUT PEATHERS.

Curious Uses to Which They Are Put-Vale

terial. One method is to clip the barbs from gabble at the moment she spoke and everybody the feathers with ordinary selssors, putting them into a bag and kneading them for awhile As a result they are transformed into a mass of very light and homogeneous down. Thus prepared they are manufactured into felt by the same processes as are applied to wool. One pound and a half of feathers make one square yard of a fabric which is warm, light and dur able and will take any dye. By weaving the "Well," said Mrs. Noodles, dropping her feather down with cotton or woolen yarn a soft work in her lap, "I must explain, to begin and beautiful cloth is produced, with a feather

ness of gathering it constitutes a regular farm-

chase, and, when it paused again, I nearly caught it, but it was off with a jump. The same thing was repeated five or six times, to my great exasperation, because a sad-looking man on the rear step, whom I took to be the conductor, paid no attention to the frantic wavings of my parasol. When at length I overtook the vehicle and got in I asked him sharply what he meant by not waiting for me. In response, he gazed at me in a mournful way, and said solemnly:

"Madam, I am not an employe of the herdic company."

"I would have apologized for my mistake, but at that moment a lurch of the herdic threw me squarely into the lap of a man who was "I would have apologized for my mistake, but at that moment a lurch of the herdic threw me squarely into the lap of a man who was about to rise and give me his seat.

"Pray excuse me!" I said, regaining my feet.

"I could have stabbed him through with my parasol for his impertinence, but I took the seat he offered instead, bowing slightly in recognition of the civility. Trying to seem as little embarrassed as I could I extracted a 25-cent piece from my portemonnaic and passed it along by

time comes. There are three elements in the delegation, one rampant for Gen. Alger, another howling for Blaine and the third insisting that Harrison has made a good President and is entitled to a renomination. Each element has its backing, and each can support its position with powerful arguments, but in the meantime none, unless it is the Alger contingent, is saying much.

Of the three candidates Blaine is undoubtedly the favorite of the Michigan republicans, although he carried the state eight years ago by only 3,308, while four years later Harrison had a plurality of 23,000. If Blaine's name is sprung on the convention with the assurance that he will accept if nominated, the Michigan delegates will easily be swept up in the blaine line. If the whirlwind tactics do not work and Blaine is undon devery eye was fixed upon me. A remains out Michigan will give Gen. Alger, if the opportunity offers, a complimentary vote and will then split, some staying by Alger and he others voting for Harrison. Alger's choice, eaxt to himself of course, is Blaine, but with Blaine out of the field he cannot by any messa. control the Michigan delegation. He is consented to the first of the meant. I forgot about having put the second of the meant of the minto the box. As it was I had not paid. Unfortunately, in my Blaine out of the field he cannot by any messa control the Michigan delegation. He is consented the minto the box. As it was I had not paid. Unfortunately, in my Blaine out of the field he cannot by any messa control the Michigan delegation. He is consented to my any messa control to Michigan delegation. He is consented to my any messa control the Michigan delegation. He is consented to my any messa consented the minto the box. The fact has a suddent state that all and and Newfoundland, leader and the first that lady goin to a large bed quit. Cheap was the name of eiderdown. So wonderfully light to my substitute and the dividence of the feathers are lated that a pound and a half of its the real stitled that a pound and a h

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burt? No; I did not even tumble down, but merely skipped out in a fairy-like, though involuntary manner.

"Finding myself thus deposited I did not pause a moment, but ran with all my might to a dry goods shop opposite, jumped into an elevator that was going up, got out at the top floor and sank into a chair exhausted. A bottle of smelling salts, lent me by one of the sales women, revived me, else I do believe I should have fainted. But from the demon driver and the crew of his abominable vehicle I was safe at last. I suppose that I still owe the herdic company a nickel, but it will never get the money, nor any future fares from me, though as an alternative I should be compelled to depend for transportation in Washington on such means of locomotion as nature has provided me with."

Dr. Lewis Swift of the Warner observatory remarked that the comet now visible near the great square of Pegasus is the largest that has been visible in the northern hemisphere since the great comet of 1882 and the first one since the trace of 1882 and the first one since the trace of 1882 and the first one since the great comet of 1882 and t ing place continually. On April 4 the tail was twenty degrees long and straight and slender, a telescopie view showing it to consist of two branches, with scarcely any nebulosity between. On the morning of the 5th a protograph was taken with a camera, with a six-inch lens strapped on to the telescope, with an exposure of one hour. There were then three main branches, a new one having appeared between the two original ones. Each of these branches was in turn separated until at least a dozen could be counted. Two degrees from the head along the northern side of the middle tail a snaden bend southward occurs, a very unusual thing. The morning of the 6th an exposure of half an hour was given. The short northern branch had disappeared and the two others had blended together. The 7th the most successful observation was made, an exposure of an hour and five minutes having been given. The southern tail, the brightest the 5th, had disappeared, the middle tail being very bright and broad. In the demest portion of the tail a couple of dark holes appeared similar to what are called "coal sacks" in the milky way. This is considered a very remarkable occurrence. "As far as known," said Dr. Swift, "this comet appears to be hyperbolic. It never was here before and never can be again. Assuming that it came from the nearest sun it must have been on the road about 8,000,000 years in order to have arrived at its present position at this time."

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